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Maroons Look Over Names of Ancestor-Alumni

Dr. Smiley Blanton Invited to Alumni Day

*Plans for Academy Alumni Day Rolling Toward May 11 Climax*

Plans for the first alumni meet in modern Academy history are rolling to a May 11 climax, when the Ladies' Auxiliary and the student body will be joint sponsors at an informal barbecue supper for M.B.A. graduates.

These alumni will meet at 7 o'clock that night to discuss the possibility of forming a Maroon Alumni Association.

A great amount of name and address checking by the Ladies' Auxiliary has made this get-together possible.

During the five-hour program, the guests will be greeted by the students and registered in the Auditorium Room. Plates with name and senior year will be given each grad.

After visiting the classrooms the alumni may watch the baseball game being planned by Coach Allen or the tennis of tennis matches scheduled for the day.

Later in the day these graduates will meet on the terrace to discuss old times at the Academy and to enjoy the barbecue supper.

Library research and Mr. Henry Shuckburgh will be the oldest known graduate. He attended M.B.A. from 1867 to 1870. Some of the older graduates are Mr. C. H. Smith of '79, and Mr. Alfred King of '95.

A surprising fact is that the Academy also has a woman alumnus. The lady, Virginia Johns, attended the Academy's primary department with her two brothers from 1881 to 1883.

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Maroon Annual Nears Publication Date

The 1950 Bell is ready to roll off the presses now that annual staffers have finished their yearly work.

With Editor Jim Henley heading operations and Business Manager Marion Smith handling the business department this annual should top in circulation.

The first Academy yearbook took

shape in 1945 under the direction of Editor Gene Harris. In 1944 an annual catalogue called the Maroon and White was published. The Bell

itself appeared for the first time the following year.

It took some last minute work on the part of the staff and some hard work on the part of Marion Smith to meet this year's stretched deadline, but as usual staff members pulled through.

The Bell should be ready for distribution by commencement.

*Carpenter Heads Tennessee-Kentucky Key Club District**Junior Class President Takes Top Club Post After Year As Treasurer*

Junior class President Dick Carpenter will head the Tennessee-Kentucky District of Key Club International; it was announced recently at Louisville.

His election came at the annual convention of this Key Club District.

Carpenter, a Key Club member for only two years, held the office of District Treasurer before becoming Governor.

A graduate of Woodmont grammar school, Dick now is president of his sophomore class and a member of the Bell Ringer business staff. He is now president of the junior class and assistant Bell Ringer business manager in addition to his Key Club work.

The election climaxed a three-day convention for Academy Key Club members headed by Academy Key Club President Lem Stevens. The group included Carpenter and Executive Secretary Jim Henley.

The group left by plane Thursday, March 30, and returned Sunday, April 1.

Several Key Clubbers are planning to attend the national convention in Columbus this month of April.

Arrangements are being made to charter a plane to fly Governor Carpenter to this convention.

Dr. Sager Presides At Educators' Meet

Dr. R. L. Sager, Academy headmaster and president of the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools, served as presiding officer at the association's annual meeting at Chattanooga, Thursday, April 20.

At the meeting the organization was host to the Private Schools Association of the Central States in which Dr. E. C. Taylor, head of The Taylor School, Clayton, Missouri, is president. Dr. Sager presided at all sessions with the exception of a Saturday luncheon when Dr. Taylor served as presiding officer.

Approximately 110 private schools from the southern and central states were represented at the meeting. Business sessions and a series of talks on education were features of the convention.

Bell Ringer Takes "Excellent" Award At Tennessee Press Convention

M.B.A.'s Bell Ringer was presented with a certificate of "Excellent rating" at the third annual conference of the Tennessee High School Press Association by University of Chattanooga journalism instructor Lee Harris.

The presentation climaxed a two day meeting at the Andrew Jackson Hotel, March 31 and April 1. Bell Ringer editor Dick Cantrell, recipient of the award, led a seven-man M.B.A. delegation to the convention.

Academy representatives included: editor Camille Buschmann, news editor Toggy Jones, feature editor Gilbert Tepleton, assistant business manager Dick Carpenter, assistant sports editor Ken Carney, and columnist Macie Dixon.

The "Excellent" rating trailed only the All-State honors received by Castle Height's Cavalier, Spartan, and Cavalier; Catholic's Gold and Blue, and sunburst honors awarded to four other schools.

Possible ratings ran "Good,"

Toggy Jones To Edit 1950 Bell Ringer

Edgar "Toggy" Jones will head the Bell Ringer next year after two years of association service with the Academy newspaper. He was recommended by present editor, Dick Cantrell and O.K.'d by faculty adviser Dr. R. L. Rule and Headmaster R. L. Sager.

Other staff members will be selected at the beginning of the first term next fall.

TOGY JONES
New Bell Ringer head

The appointment as editor eliminates two top years in M.B.A. publications for Jones. A junior, he is currently feature editor of the annual and news editor of the Bell Ringer.

In other campus activities he is a member of the Key Club, Honor Council, and was a Maroon cheerleader.

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Early arrivals at the convention were entertained Thursday night at a get-together party sponsored by Hillside High of the city.

Friday Bell Ringer representatives attended classes conducted by members of Nashville papers and the U.T. Journalism Department, then went to a banquet at the hotel that night.

Saturday morning U.T. Journalism head Willis Tucker conducted a private conference on the Academy.

At the business session the same day Castle Height's Hadley Schaffer was elected president of the Association, succeeding Bill Jones of Hillside High in Memphis. Joe Taylor of Clinton and Barbara White of St. Bernard for state secretary, while Howard's Leon Ruben was chosen Middle Tennessee vice-president.

Next year's meeting will be held in Knoxville.

— S P O R T S —



M.B.A.'s top-notch tennis squad poses here before leaving on a three match tour to McCallie, Darlington, and Baylor. Front row, left to right: Co-captains Inman Fox and Fontaine McDaniel, Sambo Harwell, and Jay Johns. Second row: John Floyd Howell, Bobby Hackman, Carey McNeilly, and Bert Madden—Courtesy of the Nashville Tennessean; photo by Eldred Reaney.

Maroon Highlights

by Jim Brent

Although the success of the baseball team as a whole can hardly be termed sensational, at least two members of the squad have shone in each of the games played up till now. Charlie Hawkins, who has started two games and pitched relief in the other, has struck out 27 in 15 innings and now leads the team offensively with a .555 batting average. Jimmy Ray, besides being one of the few starters who hasn't made an error, has poled out two home runs in his ten plate appearances.

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Wonder how many baseball squads boast four first basemen as does M.B.A.'s? Carl Gates, John Ackley, Jim Pelletier, and Claude Jarman have all been used on first in an attempt to find a replacement for Jimmy Morrissey, the flashy first sacker who graduated last spring.

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The youth movement in M.B.A. sports has not only brought a gleam to the eyes of the respective coaches over prospects for the future, but also has been reaping immediate rewards. Some examples: golfer Stanley Seat, a sophomore, sank his final putt against DuPont to decide the match for the Maroons; Claude Jarman, another sophomore, batted in three runs in the Lipscomb game to give his teammates a 5-5 tie; Sambo Harwell, only a freshman, made a comeback after losing his first singles set to win the next two and then team with Jay Johns to trim Baylor's number two doubles team and thus give M.B.A. the decision, 4-3.

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With the tennis team more than living up to pre-season expectations and the linksmen continuing to surprise everyone by their low scores, ardent Maroon supporters are looking for four championships in 1949-50—in football, basketball, golf, and tennis. Dominance in those last two sports would make this school year unquestionably the most successful, athletically speaking, yet; for, although flashy records have been amassed by M.B.A. teams in past years, those records were made against considerably less competition than the Big Red has run up against this year.

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High Flying Tennis Squad Sails Into Biggest Net Test

Sporting a showy 8 and 0 record for the young tennis season, M.B.A.'s netters are today on an invasion of three tennis strongholds that will prove a real test for the mostly inexperienced Academy boys.

With only two returnees from last year's team—Inman Fox and McDaniel—the Maroons face in quick succession: McCallie (Chattanooga), Thursday, April 27; Darlington (S.C.), Friday, the 28th; and Baylor (Chattanooga), the 29th. McCallie is said to have the number one net team of the South.

In matches to date M.B.A. has been pushed only by the Baylor squad, which came out on the short end of a 4-3 decision. Other Maroon wins include Darlington, Ryan, Vanderbilt Freshmen, Clarksville, Castle Heights, Hillsboro, and West.

Behind the tremendously improved Inman and Fontaine McDaniel has been a great freshman prospect, Sambo Harwell, in the No. 3 position. Rounding out the starters are Jay Johns (4), John Floyd Howell (5), and Bert Madden (6).

Sub-varsity prospects include Bill Ward, George Kirkpatrick, Martin Roberts, Jack Williams, Stan Sloan, and Eddie Litkenhous.

One of the surprises so far was the ease with which State Junior Champ Inman Fox romped over Mid-South runner-up Eddie Ragland of Castle Heights. Fox took Ragland in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0.

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Ryan Takes M.B.A. In Diamond Opener; Maroons Tie Lipscomb, Down Burros

Starting their season against experienced, hard-hitting Ryan after only a single day of practice, the Maroons found their inexperience disastrous as they succumbed 10-2. Charlie Hawkins, who pitched all seven innings for the Big Red, allowed only ten hits, but thirteen walks and shabby fielding (four errors) gave the Panthers four unearned runs. The other Maroon was also slugger Hawkins, as he slammed out a double and a single to lead the attack for M.B.A. The only other Maroon blows were Bill Bryan's single and Ray's home run.

As Billy Bryan and Claude Jarman led the charge for M.B.A. with a single and a double each, McNamee and Lipscomb's Mustangs struggled to a 5-5 stalemate in a game called because of darkness. Although Jarman, McNamee, and Charlie Hawkins, who relieved in the seventh, allowed only three hits while M.B.A. was piling up eight, eight walks and four errors were costly. . .

Remaining Baseball Schedule
April 28—North ... Morgan Park
May 5—Coble ... Thayer
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May 9—Bellevue ... Bellevue
May 12—West ... Thayer
May 16—Cumberland ... Centennial No. 2

After staggering through their first two games, committing numerous errors and assuming more numerous free passes to first, the win-starved Maroons roused themselves and routed Hillsboro, 5-2, for their first victory in three starts. Charlie Hawkins mopped down twelve Burros with strikeouts while walking only one, and the team had an errorless afternoon. Best performance of the afternoon was Ray's two-run homer, although Hawkins got two singles in three times at bat.

Golfers Surprise With Four Lop-Sided Wins

One of the top surprises this spring in prep school circles has been the Maroon team, winning their four matches to date the linksmen have compiled a total of 32½ points against only 3½ for their opponents.

First team to fall was Hillsboro, 6-0; then DuPont in a close match, 3½-2½; next CMA in a slaughter, 17½-½; and final Cohn, 5½-½.

Five golfers, when Coach

Blackburn is laying his championship hopes are Morris Ferguson, Lem Stevens, Stanley Seat, Palmer Temple, and Allan Goar.

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The Sophomore Representative

MISS MADELINE REYNOLDS

The sophomore class proudly introduces its hazel-eyed, brunette representative for 1950—Miss Madeline Reynolds.

A Ward-Belmont sophomore, Madeline was born in Nashville February 3, 1930. She is a graduate of Palmer Grammar School.

Madeleine maintains high averages in her studies. Her favorite subjects are French and Latin. She is a member of the Ecowash Club at W-B.

In her outside activities she enjoys tennis, swimming, and basketball. She devotes much of her time to the doings of the Kappa Delta Theta sorority in which she holds membership. Madeline also enjoys the outdoors and playing piano.

She is a member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church and lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reynolds, 10 Bellevue Drive.

Needless to say, the sophomore class is fortunate to have such a lovely representative.

Next month the junior class will present its representative.

Key Clubbers Dig Deep To Give School Needed Sound Projector

After hocking Treasurer Robert McNeilly's diamond cuff links, the Academy Key Club recently presented the school with a new Bell and Howe sound projector. That was the club's main project for the year.

This projector replaces the school's much-used old one which has presented many football games and educational films to Academy students.

McNeilly, finishing touches are being put on the composite of the '50 football team, the interscholastic champs. This Key Club sponsored project is the second football complete project to the club.

A large framed picture of the team will hang near the two famous point-a-minute teams of the 1920's and last year's mid-state champs, the team. Each team member will be presented with a small composite as a memory of his teammates and the great games of '49.

A collection will be taken up in assembly to get McNeilly's cuff links out of hock.

JONES TO EDIT

(Continued from col. 5, page 1) least during football and basketball season.

Coming to M.B.A. from Woodmont, Jones was elected secretary-treasurer of his freshman class. During his sophomore year he served as Honors editor of the Key Club, Bell Ringer, and annual.

Jones' selection was based on his hard work in the past on the Bell Ringer and his promise in the journalistic field. He is now working with the present editor to gain experience for next year.

Industrial Expert Thurman Sensing Contrasts Socialism, Free Enterprise

Bringing a world headache to M. B. A.'s doorstep, industrial adviser Thurman Sensing contrasted the socialistic and free enterprise system for Academy boys, Friday, March 24.

A member of the Southern States Industrial Council, Mr. Sensing spoke from impressions gathered on a tour of socialist England and from extensive traveling through our States.

Backbone of the free enterprise system, said Mr. Sensing, is the kind of spirit seen in Texas. There a poor state has grown with its own honest efforts, not from size or resources, but from that independent, free enterprise spirit.

The present struggle, continued Mr. Sensing, is a test of an individual's power to succeed or fail. "Man," he stated, "was created with two ends." Today those ends are all important, for "heads you will not be able to hold."

Driving to the basic purpose of the state, the industrial expert echoed the democratic viewpoint that governments belong to the people, the people do not belong to the government.

The individual and life of the individual are the most important things in a democracy, he asserted.

On the socialist viewpoint, explained Mr. Sensing, is government financing, since all spending money for various "state" projects comes from the people's pocket—a reluctant one.

Sensing said, "Socialism is like a transfusion in which the doctor takes blood from the patient's left arm, spills some, then puts the right hand into the right arm."

In Britain, he recalled, conditions are worse than immediately after the war. From talks with numerous politicians, business leaders, and interviews all over the country, Mr. Sensing doubted that England could last as a world power if socialism continued.

Socialism, he concluded, violates certain natural human principles and tends to kill ambition.

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